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Examiner: JONES, S.

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For: GAME DEVICE, GAME DEVICE CONTROL METHOD, INFORMATION
STORAGE MEDIUM, GAME DISTRIBUTION DEVICE, AND GAME
DISTRIBUTION METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, all the claims pending in the application, stand rejected. The Examiner has cited and applied two new prior art references in framing the new rejections. Applicants' response, without any amendment to the claims, follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-8 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sagawa et al (EP 903,169) in view of Olmedo (6,174,170). This rejection is traversed.

The Invention

The present invention is directed to a game device, method of controlling a game device, information storage medium related to such method and distribution system, that generally concerns a musical action game machine. The significant features of the invention are the use of commercially available music CDs and the reproduction of music from the CD, the judgment of